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<p>There is disclosed a method of stimulating an immune response comprising administering an effective amount of a CD40 binding protein. The method is useful in treating individuals infected with pathogenic or opportunistic organisms, and individuals having a depressed cellular immune response. CD40 binding proteins include CD40 ligand, monoclonal antibodies that specifically bind CD40, and combinations thereof.</p>		